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*Merry Christmas
Peace on Earth*

"Thanks be to Him for His Unspeakable Gift" -- There is Peace on Earth in the Individual Heart which has accepted Christ's gift of love to the world.

NOTICE TO USDA FIELD OFFICES OUTSIDE DALLAS

Various inquiries have been received from USDA offices outside of Dallas, regarding the new hospitalization plan offered by the Guardian International Life Insurance Company.

In order that proper response to these inquiries may be made, it is suggested that wherever USDA field employees are interested in securing information, notice of such interest be sent to Miss Anna L. Tydings, Chairman, Employee Welfare Committee, USDA Club, c/o Farmers Home Administration, 405 U. S. Terminal Annex, Dallas 2, Texas--together with information as to the number of employees in that particular office.

Some time after the first of the year such offices will be contacted by a representative of the Guardian International Life Insurance Co., either by mail or in person.

Annual Report of President

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE USDA CLUB OF DALLAS

In reporting the activities of the USDA Club of Dallas during the past year, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the officers and directors of the Club and to the Chairmen and members of the various committees who have given so generously of their time and efforts.

In this connection I particularly call to the attention of the membership the fine work performed by Miss Anna L. Tydings in promoting the hospitalization insurance plan and in obtaining mercantile discounts for our members; Miss Mildred Yeager for the excellent job in editing the USDA Club News; Tulane S. Smith for providing a fine program of entertainment and recreation; and John Bolish in arranging for speakers and the furnishing of educational material.

Accomplishments of the Club during the past year are as follows:

Hospitalization Insurance

A hospitalization insurance plan was entered into with the Guardian International Life Insurance Company, whereby members of the Club and members of their families were enabled to obtain, without evidence of insurability, a broad coverage for hospitalization, surgery, and other services necessitated by accident or illness, at a remarkably low premium. According to our last report more than 1200 persons

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USDA CLUB HAD PARTY
AT WINFREY POINT

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Approximately 175 people had a good time at the USDA Club Party held at Winfrey Point on the evening of November 10, 1950.

Excellent food was served by Dunton's Cafeteria consisting of fish, oysters, salad, coffee and dessert.

Two SMU students (Mark Wilson' Magician show) entertained the crowd with vaudeville acts - pantomime and magician acts. Many of the couples stayed after the dinner and entertainment and danced to juke-box music.

CHEAPER EGGS
NOT LIKELY

If you're expecting cheaper eggs next year you may be disappointed.

The government has announced that producer prices of eggs will not be supported next year.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Agriculture Department says it's possible this may mean lower prices to housewives during the January-April period of 1951 compared to the same period this year, but that prices the latter part of the year--when production is lower--may be higher than this season.

The net result may be higher egg prices for the year as a whole.

Whether or No

Two battered old wrecks of humanity were sitting together on a bench in the city park, when one informed his neighbor, "I'm a man who never took advice from anybody."

"Shake, old fellow," said the other, "I'm a man who followed everybody's advice."

have been served by this plan.

Mercantile Discounts

The Committee on Employee Welfare has by negotiation with local merchants, secured discounts ranging from 5% to 25% on such items as gasoline, tires, house furnishings, radios, luggage, flowers, furs, hardware, household appliances, jewelry, clothing, sporting goods, office supplies, paint, wallpaper, seat covers, toys, etc. Ambulance service has been made available to members and their families at a 50% discount.

Legal Services

By arrangement with the office of the Solicitor has assisted members and their families in the preparation of wills without charge. This in itself has resulted in a substantial saving to those who have taken advantage of this service.

Directory of Membership

Prepared and published a directory of the entire membership of the Club.

USDA Club News

During the year this publication has been made available to all members and has been doubled in size. New features have been added including free want ads of members, announcement of births and deaths in the families of members, etc.

Entertainment, Recreation and Education

A number of social meetings of the entire membership in the form of picnics, dinners, etc., were held during the year. Despite the fact that in holding these meetings the Club incurred considerable expense in the form of rentals, entertainment, etc., the Treasurer's report reflects that the financial condition of the Club is practically the same as at the beginning of the year with a substantial sum of money on hand.

During the year several meetings for the entire membership have been held to hear addresses by outstanding Washington officials and other persons prominent in the field of Agriculture.

William F. Farrell
President
USDA Club of Dallas

WASHINGTON PERSONNEL EXPLAINS WHY WE HAVE USDA CLUBS

Do you enjoy the USDA Club? Your answer is "Yes" because it offers so much to you. It is doubtful that any employee of the Dallas offices of the Department of Agriculture has failed to avail himself of more than one of the opportunities offered by the Club not only in the way of recreation but also in projects sponsored by the various committees and of the broadening aspects of the Department's work called to the attention of the employees by means of outstanding speakers, publications, etc.

MORE WOOL GROWERS
ARE NEEDED IN U.S.

There is such a shortage of wool that the government is considering placing a ban on the slaughter of ewe lambs. Such word was passed on by C. J. Fawcett of Boston, General Manager of the National Wool Marketing Corporation at the annual convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association held recently.

U. S. Senator Lyndon B. Johnson states that the wool situation is so bad that if the country should undertake a general mobilization at this time for a 3,000,000 man armed force, it is not likely that the United States would have sufficient wool to clothe these men.

Our senator places the wool situation as follows:

1. There is no wool in stockpile.
2. The Department of Agriculture has no wool in its inventories.
3. War reserves of wool cloth apparel and yarn are pitifully inadequate.
4. We are now producing only one-fourth of the wool that is needed annually just for domestic consumption.

He said wool stockpiles amounted to 400,000,000 pounds in the United States in 1945 and despite urging of the Agriculture Department and wool trade experts the Munitions Board failed to declare wool a strategic material and then finds itself in a bad situation today.

Wool and mohair growers should be enthusiastic about the future as their opportunity is at hand. Small stock farmers might do well to grow wool.

Dr. E. R. Draheim and Lu Gibbons, Division of Training, Office of Personnel, for the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. have explained in a most interesting manner in the December issue of Personnel Administration the work sponsored by USDA Clubs.

The idea for USDA Clubs was conceived in 1920 by Secretary of Agriculture Edwin T. Meredith following a cross-country field trip visiting Department offices in various cities. Mr. Meredith found to his dismay that the employees of one Department agency were not acquainted with employees of other agencies of the Department in the same city. In some cases they did not know that the agency in question was a part of the Department of Agriculture.

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The first USDA Club was organized in San Francisco. Others in Denver, Albuquerque, New York City, and Portland soon followed. By the middle of 1926 there were 29 clubs in 22 States. Since then many more have been organized. Today there are 84 USDA Clubs in 40 States.

The USDA Club of Dallas was organized in 1940 with William J. Green as its first president. He served through 1941. Other presidents in consecutive order are Morris Hankins, Olin Justice, William Ward, Lee P. Pierson, Earl Patterson, O. N. Spung, C. M. Evans, Meno Schoenbach, and William F. Farrell now acting. Five of the former

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INSURANCE COMPANY IS LIABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR 3½ MILLION DOLLARS

The Guardian International Life Insurance Company has recently insured under a hospitalization program sponsored by the Welfare Committee of the USDA Club with Miss Anna L. Tydings as Chairman, approximately 400 employees with an average of 3 people to the family and a total of about 1200 people.

This makes the insurance company liable to the Department of Agriculture for about 3½ million dollars not including life insurance and annuities.

We have 13 different groups throughout the Department of Agriculture in Dallas for this hospitalization and insurance.

Many persons because of leave and sickness have not had the opportunity to join this new plan. The following list of collectors throughout the Department may be contacted at any time for information and applications.

Applications will be accepted at any time. Rates will not be changed for any reason.

The group collectors have asked that it be called to the attention of employees that the premiums on their insurance are due on the first of each month and they would like to have the policy payments not later than the 10th of each month.

Group Collectors

Group	Name and Address	Phone	Group	Name and Address	Phone
301 A	Mr. T. J. Wingo, FHA 2007 McKinney	2059	302 E	Gladys N. Strange, PMA Office of the Director and Adm. Assistants	463
301 B	Ruth C. Randall Solicitor's Office 4th Floor, Reserve Loan Life Building	446	302 F	Lorraine MacIntyre, PMA Fiscal Program Acct. 5th Flr., Santa Fe Bldg.	858
302 A	Christine Duncan, PMA Food Distributions Br.	878	302 G	Louise B. Sheridan, PMA Fiscal Loan Custodian 3rd Flr., Santa Fe Bldg.	2185
302 B	Mary Nell Barnes, PMA T&W, Room 219 Santa Fe Building	840	302 H	Pearle Lindbald, PMA Fiscal Program Exam. 5th Flr. Santa Fe Bldg.	2271
302 C	Anna L. Tydings FHA State Office 4th Floor Terminal Annex	564	302 I	Louise G. Menard, PMA Fiscal Adm. Acct. Sec. 1037 Young Street	328
302 D	Helen Chandler PMA Office Audit 5th Floor Terminal Annex	874	302 J	Pearle Lindbald, PMA Fiscal Prog. Exam. 3rd Flr., Santa Fe Bldg.	2271

Mr. (Jack) Gallion Special Representative of the Guardian International Life Insurance Company said it has been requested that policy holders pay their premiums as soon as possible after the first of the month in order that group collectors would not have to spend too much of their time for this service.

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presidents have higher positions with the Department elsewhere or with another agency.

Winners of the Merit Certificate offered each year since 1945 to the member of the Club in Dallas which has been cited as accomplishing the most for the benefit of the Club are Lee P. Pierson, C. M. Evans, O. N. Spung, Mrs. Jessie Boney, and Miss Ozelle Waller.

A framework of club operations is provided by a constitution and by-laws. The president appoints committee chairmen.

Realizing that even the person employed in the least capacity should have a general knowledge of the Department's work, discussions by local agency representatives or regional officials are arranged to keep Club members up to date on new phases of the work of the Department agencies.

Occasional visits from officials from Washington bring information on broader aspects of the Department's programs and enlightening films shown prove beneficial.

A large number of the Clubs issue directories of local USDA activities. These publications include a list of the local Department offices, their addresses and telephone numbers, a brief description of their work, names of officers in charge and an alphabetical roster of all local personnel. Their use by employees enables them to handle questions in an effective manner.

It is interesting to note that the USDA Club of Dallas published the first directory issued. This was done under the administration of Lee P. Pierson as President in 1945.

Monthly newsletters are issued to meet the need of keeping employees supplied with up to date information pertaining to the various activities of the Clubs and the work of the Depart-

Interest of the employees in in-service training programs and after-hours education courses in supervisory training, stenographic skills, languages, physical fitness, etc. are among those sponsored when desired.

Representatives of other Federal Government agencies, agricultural and industrial enterprises are invited to discuss their work at Club meetings.

Social functions provide an opportunity to know each other better and seasonal picnics, parties, and various functions are arranged, which improve relationships of employees.

Committees on Employee Welfare are important in bringing to the employee facilities which contribute to his health and happiness on the job. Group health, hospitalization, and insurance plans are investigated and made available to those who wish to participate.

The first group hospitalization plan sponsored by the USDA Club of Dallas was in 1941 with Lee P. Pierson as Chairman of the Employee Welfare Committee. By letter the insurance company appointed an arbitration committee to settle any disputes between the company and employees. Mr. Pierson, William M. Ward and Frank P. McClendon were members of the committee.

Varied recreational facilities, credit union benefits, and cooperative buying projects are provided.

It is observed that all the above features have been sponsored under the leadership of our most able president, William F. Farrell, who is closing one of the most successful years of outstanding accomplishments in the history of the USDA Clubs.

Distance, too?

At Sadieville, Ky., a tourist once called to an old native of the village: "Hey, uncle, how far is it to Lexington?"

"I dunno, mister; hit used to be 'bout 25 miles; but the way things has gone up around here, maybe near 40 by now."

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Did You Know?

By Ozelle Waller

...that laundering of cotton goods soon may be a less tiresome task when a low-cost cellulose derivative called Carboxymethyl Cellulose is added to the rinse water?

This new compound coats cotton fibers with a smooth film, keeping dirt from making close contact with the fabric. Result: garments (cuffs and collars, too) soil less easily in following washings. Project is being sponsored by ARA.

...that RMA, in an effort to bolster the declining consumption of sweet potatoes, has come out with three new foods made largely from them--Alayam Breakfast Food, the Alayam Snack and Alayam Brittle Candy?

...that more people drink more frozen concentrated orange juice than any other citrus juice? About 17.1 per cent of the Nation's population drank 1.5 million gallons during September, 1950 --highest for a month on record.

...that plants from Africa and Mexico are being studied as a possible source of a large supply of cortisone, the new drug so effective in the treatment of arthritis. At present the price is very steep but brighter prospects are in the outlook.

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Policy Offered Without War Restrictions

The Guardian International Life Insurance company during the present war crisis has agreed to consider 100 life applications from the employees of the USDA Club without any war restrictions of any kind.

Maximum policy for each life would be \$5,000.

Interested persons should contact their group collector who will get in touch with Mr. (Jack) Gallion.

It is believed that the Guardian International Life Insurance Company has the largest hospitalization group ever to be organized within the USDA Club, and the largest over all percentage of the employees under one protection plan.

Want Ads

FOR SALE:- Medium size Kimball upright piano--Marguerite Hawk
PHONE: Office RI 6951, Sta. 855; Home YALE 2647.

COUNTRY EGGS WANTED:
Would like to buy country eggs.--c/o USDA Club News, Sta. 2024.

APARTMENT WANTED:
Young lady would like to rent one-bedroom apartment--c/o USDA CLUB NEWS, RM. 219, 1114 Commerce Street.

SPECIAL TELE. PRICES OFFERED USDA CLUB

The Wilshire Radio of 6114 Mockingbird Lane has made a special offer to the USDA Club whereby the members may purchase television and radio phonograph combinations at the dealers cost plus 10% and transportation costs. This offer is for cash only.

Terms at a discount on televisions and radios also will be given.

For cash or terms members should contact Mr. T. F. Babb.

Caused Blindness?

Two hillbillies who had never been on a train before had been drafted and were on their way to camp. A food butcher came through the train selling bananas.

The two mountaineers had never seen bananas and each bought one. As one of them bit into his banana the train entered a tunnel. His voice came to his companion in the darkness.

First Hillbilly:
"Have you et yours yet?"

Second: "Not yet.
"Thy?"

First: "Well, don't touch it. I've et one bite and am blind"